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Reason for allowance

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- 1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the prior art of record does not teach or suggest, individually or in combination a method or a system for reducing a number events presented in an event list to a user, which events are generated during monitoring of a network and due to rebooting of a device on the network, wherein events including most significant events comprising potential causal events and events of lesser significance including side effect events, and if a potential casual event is received, preventing received side effect events from being presented in the event list for a time interval, and wherein the time interval includes a time period prior to a time of the potential casual even in light of other features described in claims 1, 20, 24, 27, and 28.
- 2. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."
- Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the
 examiner should be directed to Liang-che Alex Wang whose telephone number is
 (571)272-3992. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday thru Friday, 8:30 am
 to 5:00 pm.
- 4. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Hosain T Alam can be reached on (571)272-3978. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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